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In re Appln. of: Philip A. Deal

Appln. No.: 10/661,807

Filed: September 12, 2003

For: Method and Apparatus for Incorporating Objects into Cigarette Filters

Examiner: C. Harmon

Art Unit: 3721

Attorney Docket No: 11867/19

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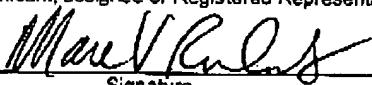
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed December 21, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as below and consider the following remarks.

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.